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The following annual reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee:—

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary respectfully reports that the meetings of the Academy have been held without intermission throughout the year, a sufficient number of members being present every Tuesday evening, even through the mid-summer months, for the transaction of scientific business.

The average attendance has steadily increased, amounting during the twelve months from Dec. 1, 1891, to Nov. 30, 1892, to 64 as compared with 52 in 1891, and 30 in 1889. This satisfactory result has been due in part to the interest felt in the ordinary verbal communications made at the meetings, but in a measure to the extraordinary attendance secured by issuing postal card notices of events somewhat distinct from the routine work of the Academy. Among these may be mentioned an illustrated address on the exploration of Labrador by Mr. Henry G. Bryant, a paper by the President on the extent of the coal supply of the world and the possible consequences of its exhaustion, an account by the Rev. Mr. Nassau of the character, habits and mode of capture of the gorilla, and the report by Lieutenant R. E. Peary of the results of his Greenland exploration.

The attendance on these occasions varied from 137, who listened to Mr. Nassau's paper, to 922, who were present when Lieutenant Peary made his report. In addition to these, and in many cases not of less importance, communications have been made by Messrs Allen, A. P. Brown, Calvert, Chapman, Cope, Dixon, Foote, Goldsmith, Hay, Heilprin, Holman, Ives, Koenig, McCahey, McCook, Martindale, Pilsbry, Rand, Rex, Ryder, Sharp, Willcox and Woolman.

Ninety-seven pages of the Proceedings for 1891, illustrated by 3 plates, and 325 pages for 1892, illustrated by 13 plates, have been issued. The third part of the ninth volume of the quarto journal, consisting of 159 pages and 8 plates, has also been published and distributed to subscribers and exchanges. The Conchological Section has continued the publication of the Manual of Conchology,

two volumes in continuation of the first and second series of the work, devoted respectively to Marine Univalves and Pulmonata, having been completed. They consisted of 420 pages and 126 plates. During the same time the Entomological Section has distributed 268 pages and 10 plates of the "Entomological News," and 307 pages with 16 plates of the Transactions. As it is through its publications the Academy is brought into communication with the scientific world, the record of its activity in this department during the past year is most gratifying.

Twenty-four papers have been presented for publication as follows:—H. A. Pilsbry 4, Edw. D. Cope 3, J. E. Ives 2, William B. Scott 2, Thomas Meehan 2, William J. Fox 1, Isaac J. Wistar 1, Carl H. Eigenmann and Rosa S. Eigenmann 1, Henry C. Chapman 1, A. P. Brown 1, Witmer Stone 1, Henry Skinner 1, John A. Ryder 1, Horace A. Hoffman 1, Ernest Walker 1, and Edw. L. Green 1. One of these was returned to the author, one was withdrawn by the author, and the others have either been published or are in the hands of the printer. The greater number of communications made verbally at the meetings have been reported by the authors and printed in the Proceedings.

The edition of the Proceedings of the Academy is 1,000 copies, 90 of which are sent out to subscribers, and 500 to exchanges. Of the Journal 500 copies are printed, 37 are sent to subscribers and 50 to exchanges.

It is again necessary to urge the desirability of greatly enlarging the Publication Fund so as to enable the Publication Committee to secure prompt issue, with creditable illustrations, of all worthy communications presented to the Academy. Our obligations to our correspondents increase yearly, and the liberal exchanges for which, as will be seen by the Librarian's report, we are indebted to kindred societies throughout the world, still constitute the chief and by far the most important additions to our library. In this exchange of the results of brain-work, the Academy cannot afford to be on the debtor side of the account.

Sixty members and six correspondents have been elected, an important increase in the former over the accessions of recent years. The deaths of ten members and of three correspondents have been announced and recorded in the published Proceedings. The following members have resigned:—Otto Luthy, Minford Levis M. D., Robert Meade Smith M. D., Henry Hartshorne M. D., W.

S. Auchinchloss, E. F. Smith, H. LeBarre Jayne, S. N. Rhoads and Mrs. E. L. Head. The actual increase in membership, therefore, at the end of the year is forty-one.

The departure of the expedition for the relief of Lieutenant Peary, and its return, Sept. 23, accompanied by the exploring party which had been left at McCormick Bay, July 30 of the preceding year, were the events in the current history of the Academy which attracted most popular attention and interest. The details of the enterprise, the success of Lieutenant Peary and his associates, and of the party which went to their relief under the direction of Professor Heilprin, have been reported to the Academy. It is gratifying to be able to record that the work of investigating the geography of Northern Greenland and the region beyond, so ably carried on by Lieutenant Peary, will in all probability be continued by him during the coming year, as on the application of the President of the Academy, he has been granted leave of absence for that purpose by the Navy Department.

The new lecture hall of the Academy, an important addition to the educational facilities of the society, was transferred by the Board of Trustees of the Building Fund, Feb. 23. The usual Friday evening lectures are delivered in it. Its use was granted to Professor Rothrock for the delivery of the Michaux forestry lectures, and several of the meetings of the Geographical Club, a society in close affiliation with the Academy, have been held therein.

In response to an application from the State Board of Health, Dr. S. G. Dixon was appointed March 8th as the representative of the Academy to act in conjunction with the Board in making a bacteriological exhibition at the coming Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It is gratifying that the society is thus to be associated with a representation of a branch of original research which is certainly second to none in the practically beneficial results to be derived from its cultivation.

Mr. Jacob Binder was re-appointed Curator of the William S. Vaux collections. As Mr. Binder has been, during a portion of the year, unable in consequence of failing health to discharge the duties of the position, Mr. W. W. Jefferis was appointed as his associate. The growth of the collections under their charge is recorded in the special report prepared by Mr. Jefferis.

The Hayden Memorial Medal and fund has been awarded to Professor Eduard Suess of Vienna, the importance of whose geological work fully merits the recognition recommended by the Academy's Committee.

The resignation of Dr. George A. Koenig from the Council, in consequence of his removal to the West, was received and accepted with regret. By resolution of the Academy, the election to fill the vacancy was deferred until the annual meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary respectfully reports that during the year commencing December 1, 1891, he has received one hundred and fifty-one acknowledgments of the receipt of the publications of the Academy from eighty-one Societies, Museums, etc., and seventy-eight notices of the forwarding of their own publications from sixty-one Societies, etc. There has been received fifteen applications to exchange publications and asking for missing numbers of the Academy's Journal and Proceedings and three notifications to discontinue exchange. In addition, thirty-two letters on various subjects have been received and seventeen written. Nine circulars and five invitations to the Academy to participate in congresses, meetings, etc., have been received and answered. Six notices of deaths have been recorded.

During the year six correspondents have been elected, and notices to that effect have been forwarded. The deaths of three correspondents have been reported. Twenty-five certificates have been sent to members and six to correspondents.

One thousand three hundred and nine acknowledgments for gifts to the library, and two hundred and twenty-five for gifts to the Museum have been forwarded.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN SHARP,

Corresponding Secretary.